

TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE PRO-LIFE SCORECARD

FOR THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2025)

MOLLY COOK TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 15 (D-HOUSTON)

✓ Voted Pro-Life

Voted Anti-Life

Total Pro-Life Score:

0%



Key: EA = Excused Absence; UA = Unexcused Absence; PNV = Present, Not Voting; and C = Presiding at the Chair during the vote

From the outset of the Regular Session of the 89th Texas Legislature, Texas Right to Life identified two key legislative priorities necessary to combat ongoing threats to Life in the post-*Roe* era. The first priority, the Woman and Child Protection Act (Senate Bill 2880 and House Bill 5510), addressed the growing problem of abortion pills being shipped into Texas. The second priority, the Stop Tax-Funded Abortion Travel Act (Senate Bill 33 and House Bill 1806), prohibited Texas cities from paying for out-of-state abortion travel. The Legislature successfully passed the Stop Tax-Funded Abortion Travel Act during the Regular Session. Unfortunately, the Woman and Child Protection Act, intended to combat the distribution of abortion pills, died in the House of Representatives, putting more than 19,000 preborn lives at risk each year.

Texas Right to Life formed and led a broad coalition to send a letter to Governor Greg Abbott, urging him to add this issue to the special session agenda. Because of the leadership of the Texas Senate and Governor Abbott, the Woman and Child Protection Act ultimately passed both chambers during the Second Special Session.

In addition, the Legislature passed several meaningful measures championed by Texas Right to Life that further strengthen our culture of Life. These victories include ensuring that families of preborn children diagnosed with life-threatening conditions receive life-affirming information and referrals, promoting education about adoption, and reaffirming protections for pregnant mothers facing medical emergencies. The Legislature also appropriated a record \$200 million to support qualifying pregnancy centers and adoption agencies, while clarifying that these funds must go exclusively to Pro-Life providers.

Senator Cook authored several pieces of anti-Life legislation. Senate Bill 2727 would have removed the protection of Texas' Pro-Life laws from babies with potentially lethal developmental anomalies. Senate Bill 2768 would have mandated insurance coverage for abortion, contraceptives, and sterilization and established an online portal for "reproductive rights." Senate Bill 2257 would have legalized deadly abortion drugs in Texas in specific circumstances. In the first special session of the 89th Legislature, Senator Cook authored Senate Bill 51, a refile of her Senate Bill 2727 from the regular session. On April 15, Senator Cook gave an anti-Life speech on the Senate floor against Pro-

Life priority Senate Bill 33, which blocks Texas cities from funding abortion travel with tax dollars. On April 29, she gave an anti-Life speech on Senate Bill 31, which adds continued education for relevant medical providers and their advising attorneys regarding Pro-Life laws. On April 29 and 30, Senator Cook also gave an anti-Life speech against Pro-Life priority Senate Bill 2880, which aimed to combat abortion pills being illegally shipped into Texas. On April 30, Senator Cook entered an anti-Life note into the Senate journal opposing the passage of Pro-Life priority Senate Bill 2880, which aimed to combat abortion pills being illegally shipped into Texas. On September 3, during the second special session, Senator Cook gave an anti-Life speech on the Senate floor against House Bill 7, which combats lethal abortion pills being illegally shipped into Texas.

REGULAR SESSION

Senate Bill 1388 by Senator Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham):

Ensures that Thriving Texas Families Program funding only goes to Pro-Life providers.

Sei	nate Bill 1388 passed	both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.	Points Earned	Potential Points
Mo	Motion Description of Motion			
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1388 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 1388. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 1388 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1388 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 1388. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 1388. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3

Senate Bill 1207 by Senator Phil King (R-Weatherford):

Adds education on adoption to the public school curriculum.

Senate Bill 1207 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

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Potential Points

Motion Description of Motion

✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1207 on Third Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 1207. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 1207. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3

Senate Bill 1233 by Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills):

Guarantees that perinatal palliative care referrals and information are given to families after their preborn child is diagnosed with a life-threatening condition.

Ser	nate Bill 1233 passed	both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.	Points Earned	Potential Points
Mo	otion	Description of Motion		
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1233 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 1233. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 1233 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1233 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 1233. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 1233. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3

Senate Bill 33 by Senator Donna Campbell, M.D. (R-New Braunfels):

Prohibits cities from paying for abortion travel using taxpayer dollars.

Senate Bill 33 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

Points Earned Potential Points

Motion Description of Motion

X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 33 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 33. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 33 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	6
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 33 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 33. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 33. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	6

Senate Bill 2880 by Senator Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola):

Authorizes citizens to sue those who illegally distribute, manufacture, or traffic abortion pills into Texas, including through wrongful death lawsuits, and empowers the attorney general to take action against abortion pill traffickers and their accomplices.

Senate Bill 2880 passed the Senate but died in the House.	Potential Points

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X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 2880 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 2880. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 2880 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	6
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 2880 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 2880. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 2880. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	6

Senate Bill 619 by Senator Kevin Sparks (R-Midland):

Further protects the conscience rights of health care professionals.

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X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 619 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 619. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 619 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 619 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 619. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 619. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3

Senate Bill 205 by Senator Angela Paxton (R-McKinney):

Requires that middle school students be taught about human fetal development.

Sei	Senate Bill 205 passed the Senate but died in the House.			Points
Mo	Motion Description of Motion			
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 205 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 205. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 205 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 205 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 205. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 205. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

Senate Bill 6 by Senator Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola):

Authorizes citizens to sue those who illegally distribute, manufacture, or traffic abortion pills into Texas, including through wrongful death lawsuits, and empowers the attorney general to take action against abortion pill traffickers and their accomplices.

Senate Bill 6 passed the Senate but died in the House.

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X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 6 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 6. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	UA	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 6 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	UA	6
X	Vote to introduce Senate Bill 6 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 6. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	UA	1
X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 6. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	UA	6

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

House Bill 7 by Representative Jeff Leach (R-Allen):

Adds civil enforcement tools to Texas Pro-Life laws to empower citizens to sue those who illegally distribute, manufacture, or traffic abortion pills in Texas.

House Bill 7 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

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X	Vote to introduce House Bill 7 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on House Bill 7. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass House Bill 7 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	6

X	Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of House Bill 7. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	6	

ADDITIONAL POINTS

			Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion		Description of Motion		
X	Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services for Senate Bill 619. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services for Senate Bill 1233. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X	Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services for Senate Bill 1388. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
	Pro-Life priority legislation	Additional points for authoring one or more Pro-Life Priority bills or amendments. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	+ 6
	Pro-Life recommended legislation	Additional points for authoring one or more recommended Pro-Life bills or amendments (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	+ 3
X	Anti-Life legislation	Penalties for authoring one or more anti-Life bills or amendments. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	-24	- 6
	Pro-Life speech or note	Additional points for Pro-Life speeches on the Senate floor or for Pro-Life statements in the Senate journal. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	+ 3
X	Anti-Life speech or note	Penalties for anti-Life speeches on the Senate floor or for anti-Life statements in the Senate journal. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	-21	- 3

Total Points Earned	-41
Potential Points	94
Total Score	0%